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In an interview with TV's David Brinkley, **James B. Donovan**, 46, pooh-poohed outcries that he had done the Kremlin a favor by helping engineer the exchange of Spymaster Rudolf Abel for U-2 Pilot Francis Gary Powers. "The only information Abel could communicate to Moscow now," insisted the Manhattan lawyer, "would be descriptions of life in the penitentiary in Atlanta." Donovan doubted, too, that the Russians would reassign Abel to espionage duty. Said he: "There would always remain the lingering suspicion—especially in a semi-Oriental mind—that he had made some private deal with me to become a double agent."